

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.**

(114)

CWP-26869-2019

Date of Decision: September 20, 2019

Vijay Kumar Jain

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Johan Kumar, Advocate, for
Mr. Ashish Gupta, Advocate, for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that a charge-sheet was issued to the petitioner on 19.02.2010, in pursuance to which an order of punishment has been passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Mewat-Nuh on 14.02.2012 (Annexure P-1). By the said punishment order, two increments of the petitioner with cumulative effect were withheld. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that against the said order of punishment, the petitioner preferred an appeal to the Director, Urban Local Bodies, Haryana, Chandigarh on 23.05.2012 and the said appeal is still pending consideration with the respondents and has not been decided so far.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further states that the factum of filing of an appeal is admitted by the respondents keeping in view the letter dated 21.11.2012 (Annexure P-3) by which, the Deputy Commissioner has forwarded his comments to the Director, Urban Local Bodies, Haryana, Chandigarh in respect of the appeal preferred by the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that despite expiry of seven years, the said appeal has not been decided so far.

The prayer of the petitioner is for issuance of a direction to respondent No.2 to pass an appropriate order deciding the appeal dated 23.05.2012 (Annexure P-2) filed by the petitioner against the punishment order dated 14.02.2012.

Keeping in view the advance notice given, Mr. Charanjit Singh Bakhshi, Addl. A.G., Haryana, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and states that the respondents have no objection in accepting the request of the petitioner in deciding the appeal in a time bound manner, if not already decided.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioner for the relief which has been claimed by him in the appeal dated 23.05.2012 (Annexure P-2), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the appeal dated 23.05.2012 (Annexure P-2), within a period of three months from the receipt of certified copy of this order, if not already decided.

September 20, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No